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SUBJECT: UNILATERAL GUYANESE STATEMENT ON BELIZE

REF: GEORGETOWN 0393

1. GOG ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT RE BELIZE EVENING  
JANUARY 31:

QUOTE: "THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA NOTES WITH INCREASING  
ALARM REPORTS WHICH SEEM TO INDICATE THAT A DECISION IS  
BEING ARRIVED AT, MAKING THE CESSION OF A PART OF THEIR  
TERRITORY THE PRICE WHICH THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE WOULD HAVE  
TO PAY FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IS DEEPLY CONCERNED  
THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERSUADED TO  
THE VIEW THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF TERRITORIAL ADJUST-  
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MENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG THE VARIOUS OPTIONS  
WHICH NEEDED TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING WHETHER  
OR NOT BELIZE SHOULD BE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE.

"THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE HAVE AN INALIEN-  
ABLE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.  
THERE CAN BE NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE REGARDING THIS RIGHT  
WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT

AND PEOPLE OF BELIZE.

'THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THIS VIEW AND FEELS ENCOURAGED IN ITS STAND SINCE THE VAST MAJORITY OF STATES-MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE ALREADY COME OUT IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE WITH ITS PRESENT BORDERS INTACT.

'ANY LIMITATION THEREFORE ON BELIZE'S ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CONSTITUTES AN AFFRONT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND INTRODUCES A NEW PRINCIPLE WHICH, IF IMPOSED WITHOUT THE FULL CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BELIZE, CAN HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECURITY OF OTHER STATES WITHIN THE REGION.

'THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA THEREFORE CALLS ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO REJECT CATEGORICALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF CESSION OF A PORTION OF BELIZE'S TERRITORY AS THE PRICE WHICH THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE MUST PAY FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE.' END QUOTE.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JANUARY 30 FORMIN WILLS SAID THAT GOG WAS CONSIDERING A UNILATERAL STATEMENT RE BELIZE WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT WHATEVER JOINT STATEMENT THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS ISSUED ON THE SUBJECT.

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